

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Attention: 401 Coordinator

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Project Applicant: California State Parks – Dan Falat

Applicant's Agent: California State Parks – Michael Walgren

Project Name: Harmony Headlands State Park Wetland Restoration and Erosion Control

Receiving Water: unnamed tributary to Ellysly Creek

City/County: Harmony / San Luis Obispo

Public Notice: February 24, 2020 – March 16, 2020

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to restore the natural hydrology channels feeding Ellysly Creek by removing stock ponds and creating check-dams.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing four stock pond dams using bulldozers, dump trucks, and excavators;
- Restoring the native riparian habitat supportive of sensitive species such as the California red-legged frog;
- Eradicating nonnative populations of bullfrog;
- Treating eroding gullies and old road cuts with soil removed from the stock pond dams;
- Moving an estimated 5,431 cubic yards of soil which will require 388 dump truck trips using a 14 cubic yard dump truck;
- Using downed wood from State Park projects to create check-dams and to support undercut banks and head-cut areas within the gullies; and
- Planting of potted coyote brush and cuttings of arroyo willow behind the check dams to further stabilize the soil.

No mitigation is proposed.

The California State Parks filed a Categorical Exemption on January 16, 2018.